programmes namely Drought-Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) on watershed.

Some of the measures for control of Air Pollution in metro cities are: Bharat Stage (BS) III emission norms for passenger cars and BS II norms for two wheelers in ten metro cities apart from National Capital Region are implemented since 01.04.2005; BS IV norms for passenger cars and BS III for two wheelers in ten metro cities apart from National Capital Region have been notified with effect from 01.04.2010; the emission standards for industries have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and use of beneficiated coal in thermal power plants is in vogue. Action-plans for 24 Critically Polluted Areas are under implementation, etc.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is monitoring ambient air quality at 363 manual stations covering 139 cities, towns and industrial areas in the country which include 84 stations in 35 metro cities. Three major parameters, namely, Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2) and Participate Matter of fine dust (PM_{10}) are monitored under National Air Monitoring Programme (NAMP) at all locations.

The Government seeks to conserve and manage flora and fauna of the country by regulatory and promotional measures. Under the promotional measures, there are 99 national park, 515 wildlife sanctuaries, 43 conservation reserves, 4 community reserves, 15 biosphere reserves, project tiger, elephant reserves etc. Under regulatory measures, there are Forest Conservation Act, Wildlife Protection Act, National Biodiversity Action Plan etc.

Pressure from western countries on global warming

†3411. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is under pressure from the western countries with regard to global warming;

(b) whether the cabinet is unanimous in this regard;

(c) the plan to protect the country's interest in the next world talks; and

(d) the efforts being made to maintain a balance between conservation of environment saving energy and growth in industrial production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The western countries have been urging that major developing countries, including India, should also take on emission reduction commitments to prevent global warming.

(b) and (c) The Government is of the view that in order to meet the Millennium Development Goals and eradication of poverty, our economy has to grow and thereby our emissions shall also grow. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) also recognizes

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this fact, India's position is fully anchored in UN Convention on Climate Change including its Kyoto Protocol and Bali Action plan. The Government is committed to protect country's interest in the on-going as well as future climate change negotiations.

(d) As per Kyoto Protocol only developed countries are obliged to take on emission reduction commitments. Though not binding, India has taken a number of voluntary steps for conservation of environment while pursuing a path of sustainable development. These include The National Solar Mission and the National Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency, National Mission on Sustainable Habitat under The National Action Plan on Climate Change. Besides, Government has taken several steps towards sustainable development through a range of policies and programmes to mitigate climate change aimed at energy conservation, improved energy efficiency in various sectors; promoting use of renewable energy; power sector reforms; use of cleaner and lesser carbon intensive fuel for transport; fuel switching to cleaner energy; afforestation and conservation of forests; promotion of clean coal technologies and encouraging Mass Rapid Transport systems.

Projects for conservation and growth of wild animals

†3412. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the special projects being implemented for conservation and growth of wild animals, State-wise;

(b) the details of the killing of elephants and tortoise during the last year; and

(c) the specific arrangements made to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Two Special Projects viz. Project Tiger and Project Elephant are under implementation for conservation and growth of wild animals. The States implementing Project Tiger and Project Elephant are given in the Statement *(See* below). In addition, Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats is implemented for conservation and growth of all wild animals under which following special programmes have been launched.

i. Project Snow leopard in the Himalayan States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttarakhand.

ii. Vulture Conservation programme in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Orissa.

iii. Project Hangul in the State of Jammu & Kashmir,

iv. Conservation of Manipur Dancing Deer in the State of Manipur.

v. Conservation of Edible Nest of Swiftlets in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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